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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mark T. Keating; Dean Y. Li

Application No.: 09/554996

Filed: 5/24/2000

For: **Elastin-Based Compositions**

Examiner: Chen, S.L.

Art Unit: 1633

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period for response by 1 month.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

22. A method for prophylaxis or treatment of a disorder characterized by diminished capacity to regulate smooth muscle cell function comprising delivery of the elastin-based composition provided by the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 to said target site.

These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with the Examiner's position. In

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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☐ Fee Transmittal Form

☐ Fee Attached

☒ Response to Restriction Requirement

☒ Extension of Time Request

☐ Express Abandonment Request

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

☐ Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application

☐ Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

☐ Assignment Papers (for an Application)

☐ Drawing(s)

☐ Licensing-related Papers

☐ Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition

☐ Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application

☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address

☐ Terminal Disclaimer

☐ Small Entity Statement

☐ Request for Refund

☐ After Allowance Communication to Group

☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences

☐ Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

☐ Proprietary Information

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☒ Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below):

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